MINUTES

JOINT MEETING OF THE SPRINGFIELD CITY COUNCIL AND LANE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING

October 28, 2004 7:00 p.m. Library Meeting Room, Springfield City Hall

The City of Springfield City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Meeting in the Library Meeting Room, 225 Fifth Street, Springfield, Oregon, on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., with Council President Fitch presiding.

ATTENDANCE

Council President Tammy Fitch called the meeting of the Springfield City Councilors to order with roll call. Present were Councilors Fitch, Ballew, Lundberg and Woodrow. Also present were City Manager Mike Kelly, City Attorney Joe Leahy, City Recorder Amy Sowa and members of the staff.

Mayor Leiken and Councilor Ralston were absent (excused).

County Commissioner Don Hampton called the meeting of the Lane County Board of Commissioners to order with roll call. Present were Commissioners Hampton, Dwyer and Sorenson.

Commissioners Morrison and Green were absent (excused).

1. Joint Meeting with the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

City Recorder Amy Sowa read the Springfield Ordinance for adoption of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan. This was the City's first reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 1 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS A REFINEMENT PLAN OF THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN AREA GENERAL PLAN (METRO PLAN) FOR APPLICATION WITHIN THE AREA OF PLANNING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD AND ADOPTING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE (FIRST READING).

Commissioner Hampton read the Lane County Ordinance for adoption of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan. This was the County's second reading of this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. PA1218 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE WILLAMALANE PARK AND RECREATION COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS A REFINEMENT PLAN OF

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THE EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD METROPOLITAN AREA GENERAL PLAN (METRO PLAN) FOR APPLICATION OUTSIDE THE SPRINGFIELD CITY LIMITS AND WITH THE METRO PLAN AND ADOPTING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, A REFINEMENT PLAN OF THE METRO PLAN IN CHAPTER III-H, PARKS AND RECREATION ELEMENT AND STATEWIDE GOAL 8, RECREATIONAL NEEDS.

Planning Manager Greg Mott said the item before the council and commissioners is for consideration of adoption of the Willamalane Park and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan. That is considered a Refinement Plan, Metro Plan responsive to Statewide Goal 8 and is an item the Metro Plan recognizes to be an arrangement with the City of Springfield and Willamalane for park and recreation services. He entered the staff report into the public record. During the work session prior to the hearing, a presentation of the summary of the plan and a summary of the staff report were made during that meeting.

Council President Fitch opened the public hearing.

- 1. <u>Steve Moe, P.O. Box 847, Springfield, OR 97477.</u> Mr. Moe said he has seen the presentation by Willamalane Project Planner Rebecca Gershow and was privileged to be part of the process. The citizen participation was substantial in this process. He spoke in support of the plan and was available for questions.
- 2. <u>Blake Hastings, 5790 Highbanks Road, Springfield, OR 97477.</u> Mr. Hastings said a similar plan was started about ten years ago and was very controversial. The Willamalane staff has done a great job producing a plan that is flexible and respectful of citizens' private property rights. It is a good plan. A lot of citizen input was received and the plan is fair to all concerned. That is evident by the fact there is no controversy this time. He encouraged the elected officials to approve the plan. One of the great benefits is that once adopted this plan can be used to seek federal and state funding. He discussed the projects that can now get started. He was available for questions.
- 3. Bonnie Ullmann, 3350 Oriole Street, Springfield, OR 97477. Ms. Ullmann read from a letter she wrote which she also submitted into the record. She said she appreciated the opportunity to speak before the elected officials in support of the Willamalane Parks and Recreation District Comprehensive Plan. It was a privilege to be part of the Citizen Advisory Committee and she enthusiastically supports the plan. She acknowledged the many people, including consultants, Willamalane staff and the Willamalane Board for their work on making this project go smoothly. The process was very inclusive and everyone who wanted to have a say in the future of our parks and recreational facilities was given that chance. The finished product is truly comprehensive and is mindful of the future of the people and the natural assets of our beautiful home. The creation of the Comp Plan was a successful exercise in community participation and she encouraged the elected officials to adopt the Plan.
- 4. <u>Jerry Ritter, 1865 Yolanda Avenue, Springfield, OR.</u> Mr. Ritter lives in the urban growth boundary (UGB) of Springfield, in Lane County. Mr. Ritter said ten years ago he represented a group that fought Willamalane over the Parks and Recreation and Open Spaces plan because the Board at that time thought it acceptable to take private property for their bike

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path. He discussed his dissatisfaction with the Board ten years ago. Mr. Ritter was happy to say that he attended most of the meetings for the current Plan and was very pleased. People listened, answered all questions and put a lot of effort into this Plan. He supports this Plan. It addresses the concerns that were raised ten years ago. He appreciated being part of the process in preparing this Plan.

Council President Fitch closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Dwyer said he watched the plan develop. It was very inclusive and is very ambitious. Many of the elements depend upon things that are out of the control of the Park Board and are in the hands of the people. It was very thoughtful and plans for the future. He is very happy to support this Plan.

Commissioner Hampton said he was very impressed with the large number of people involved in the Plan through their input.

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DWYER WITH A SECOND BY COMMISSIONER SORENSON TO ADOPT ORDINANCE PA1218. THE MOTION PASSED WITH A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 0 AGAINST (2 ABSENT – MORRISON AND GREEN)

Springfield City Council took no action on the above ordinance as it was a first reading only.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.	
Minutes Recorder – Amy Sowa	
	Sidney W. Leiken Mayor
Attest:	
Amy Sowa City Recorder	